

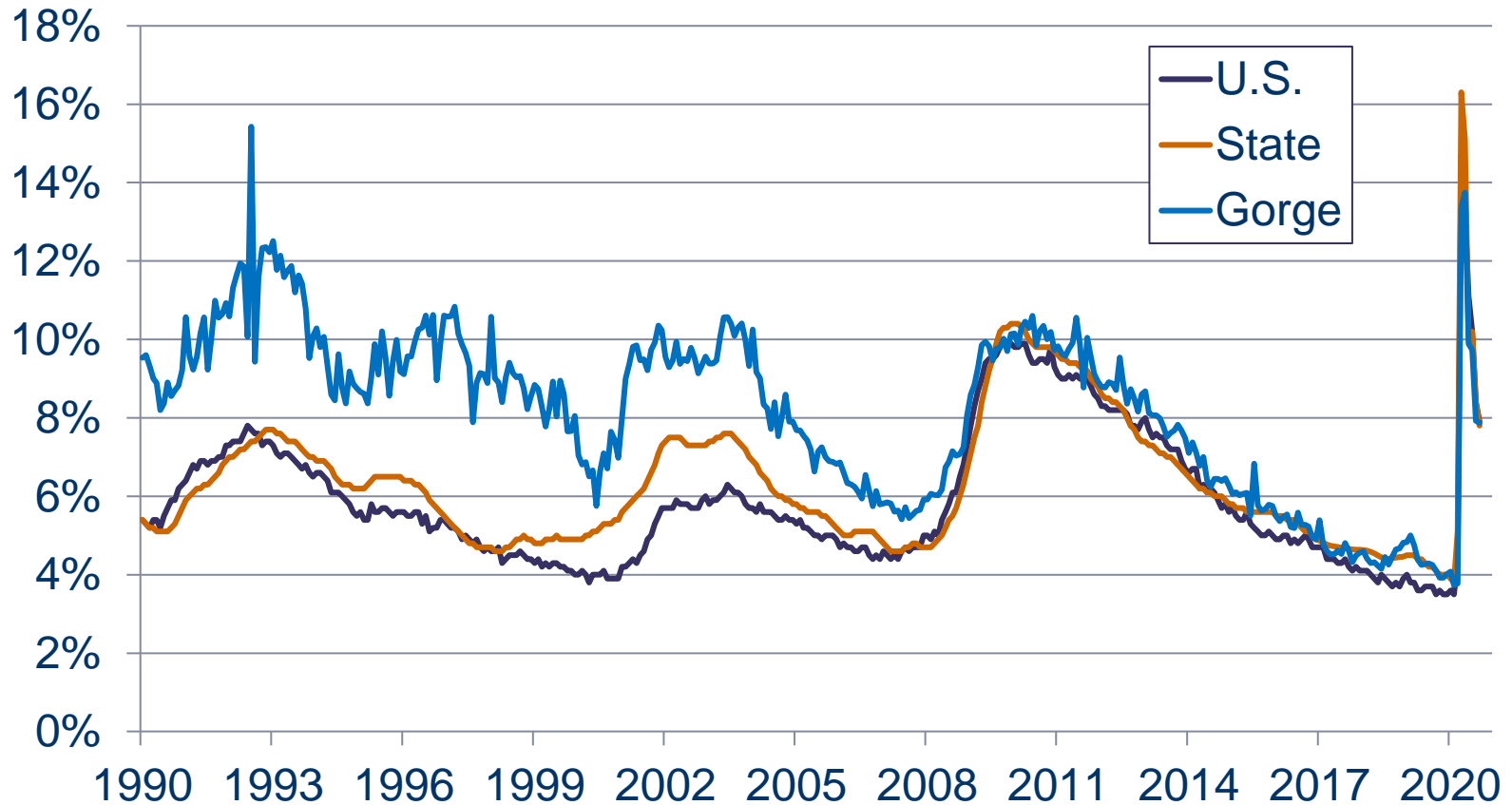
Columbia Gorge Economy 2020 –Washington Side

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Unemployment Rates

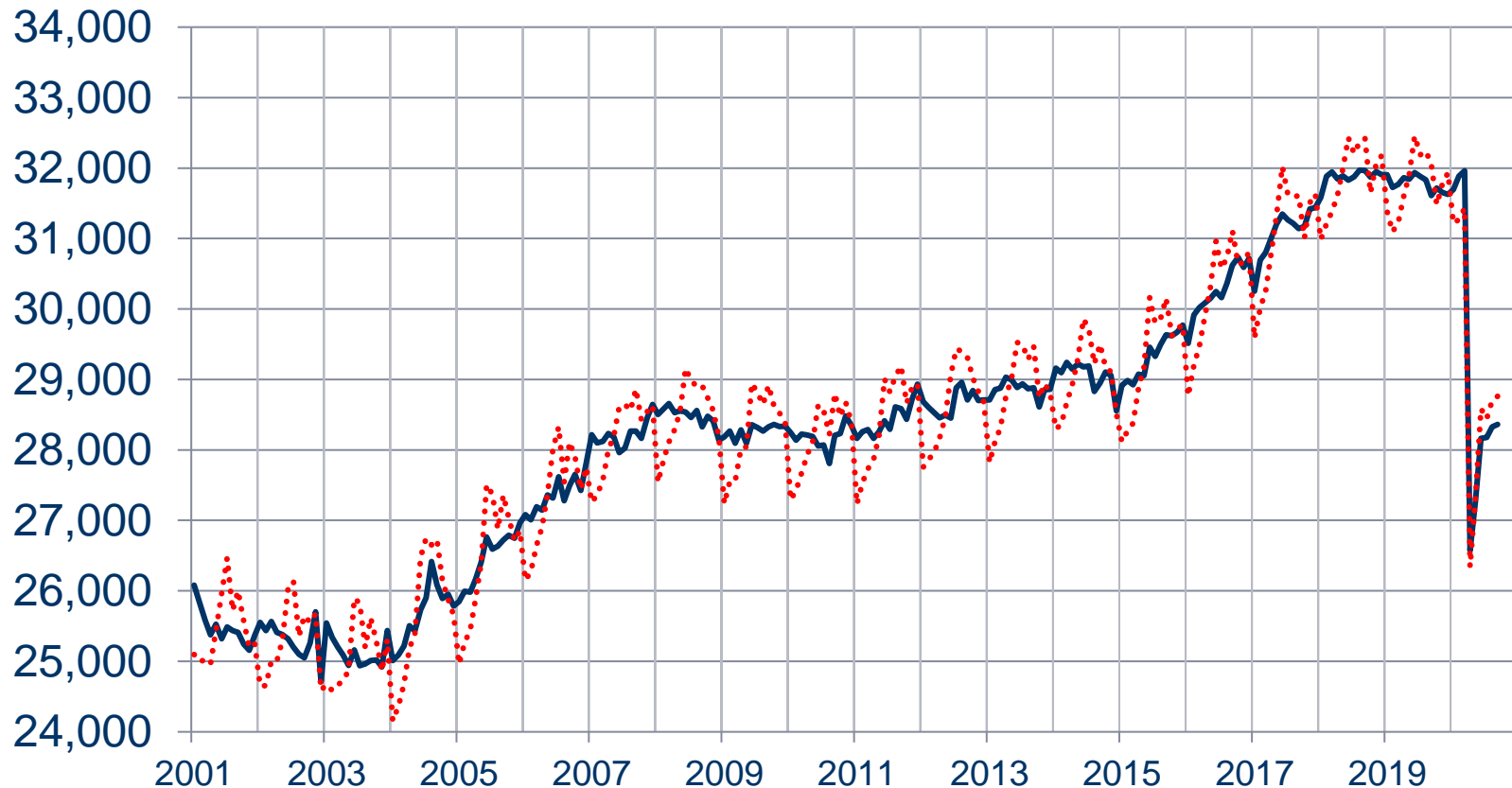
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Source: BLS, Oregon Employment Department, Washington
Employment Security Department/LMEA

Columbia Gorge: huge loss, partial comeback

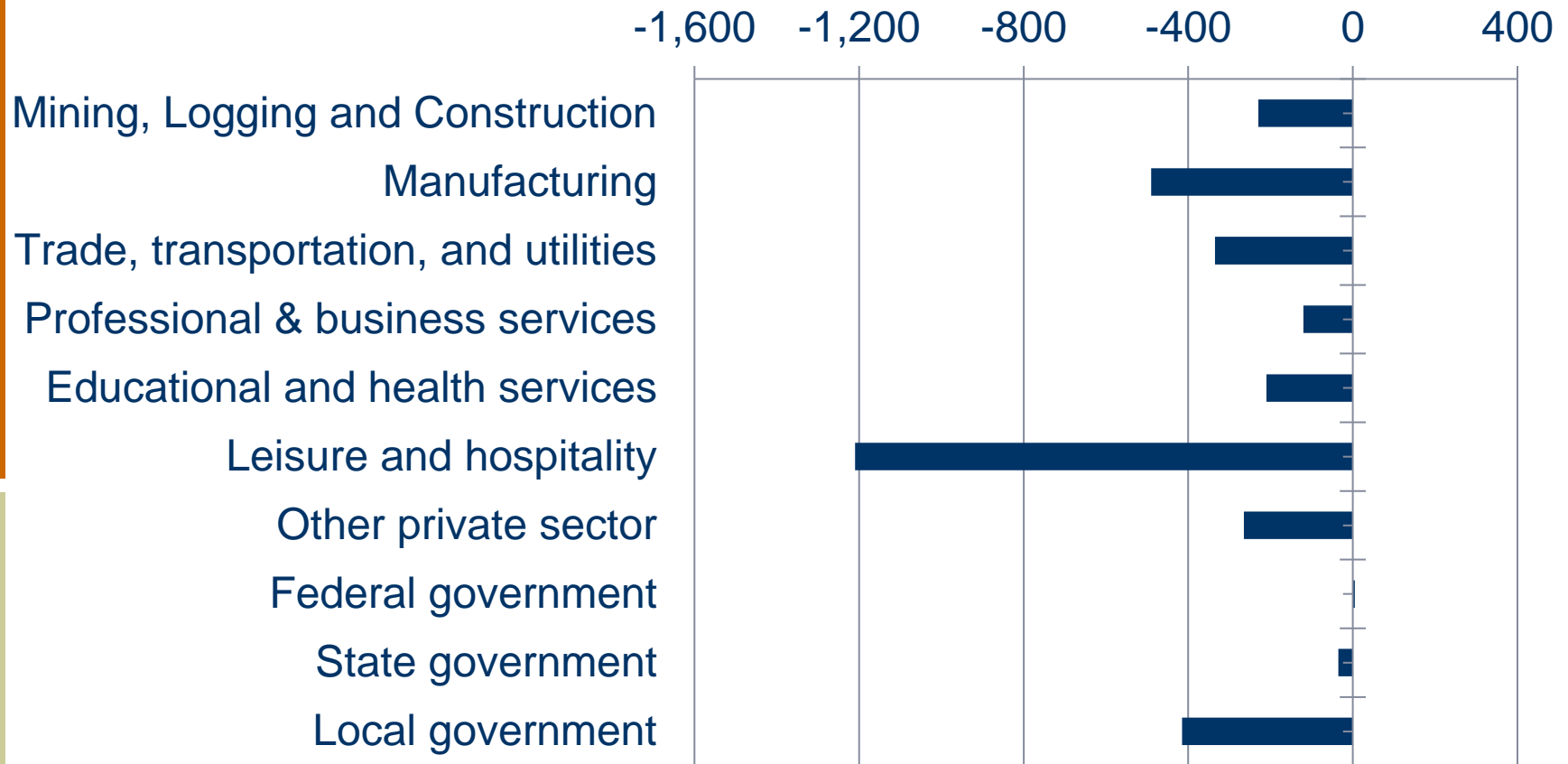
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Oregon Employment Department

Gorge jobs decline by 10 percent in the past year

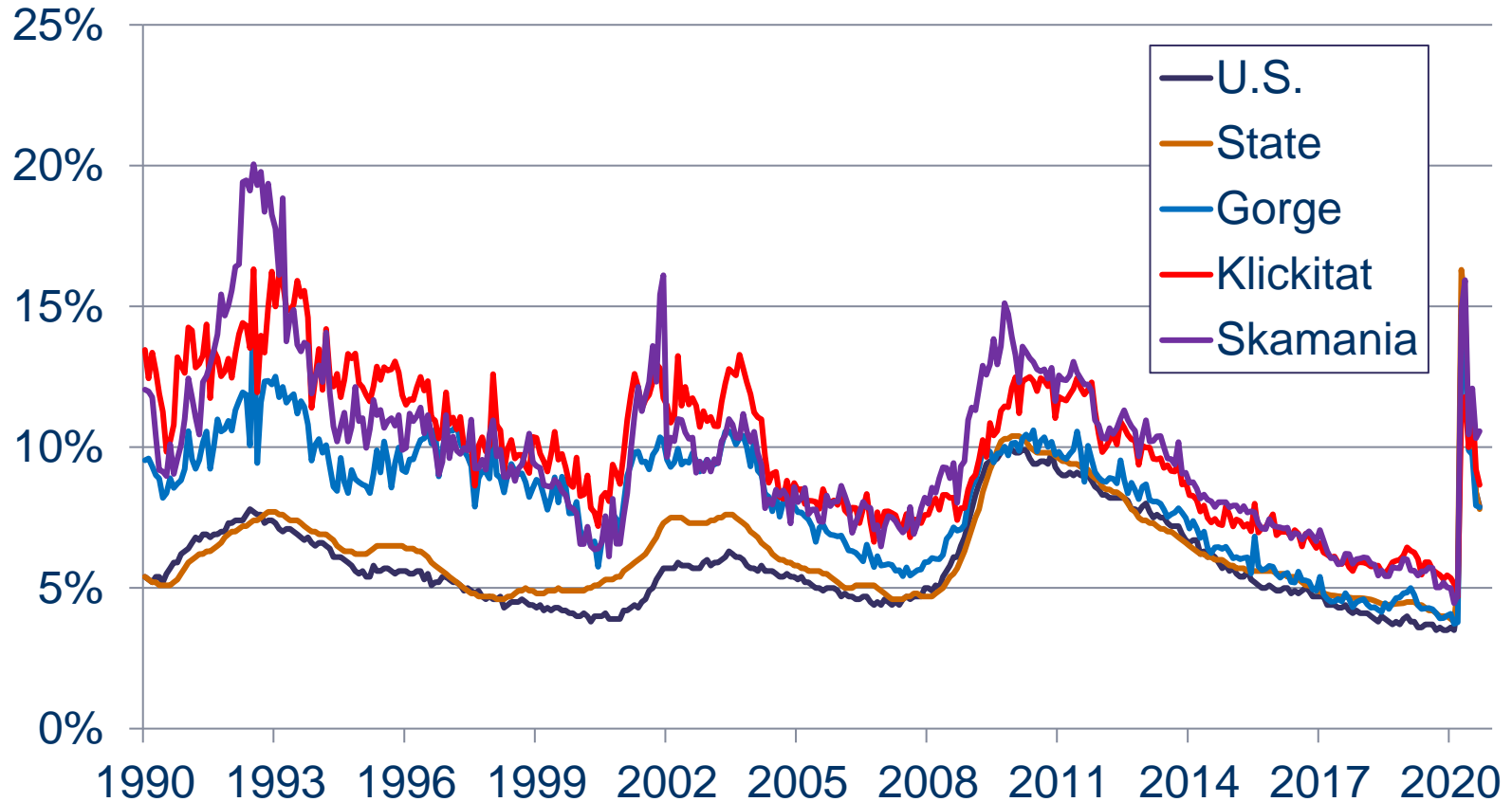
Job Change, Columbia Gorge, Sep. 2019 to Sep. 2020



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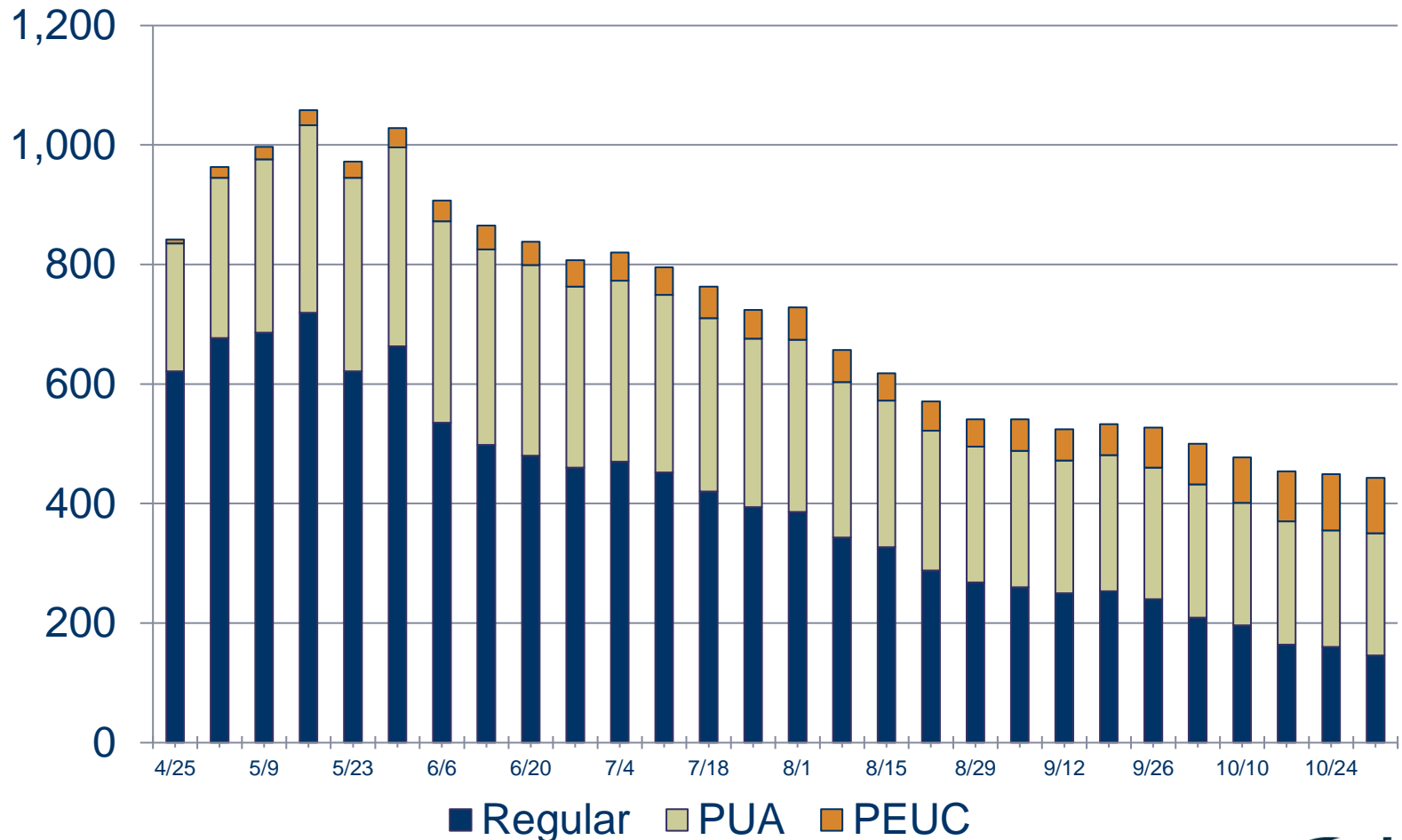


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Types of unemployment benefits

- **Regular**—typically last up to 26 weeks
- **PEUC**—Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation, extends benefits another 13 weeks
- **PUA**—Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, covering the self-employed and others ineligible for regular benefits, up to 39 weeks
- **FPUC/LWA**—Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation, a \$600 per week additional benefit, expired at the end of July; Lost Wages Assistance, 5 weeks, \$300 per week
- **EB**—Extended Benefits, a state program that extends benefits up to 20 weeks when unemployment is high

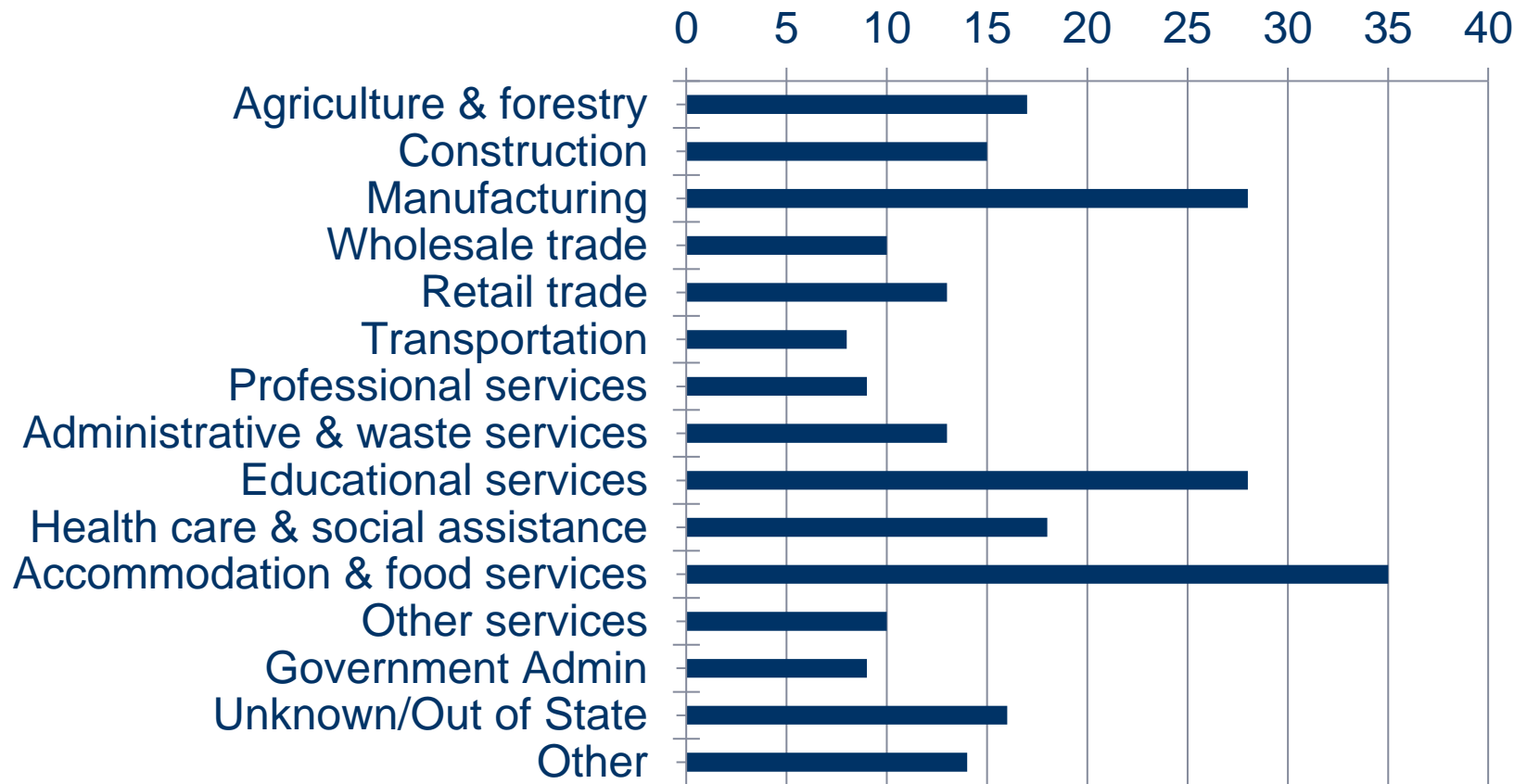
Klickitat continued claims: fewer claims, more long-term unemployed



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Klickitat claims: accommodations & food services, educational services, manufacturing

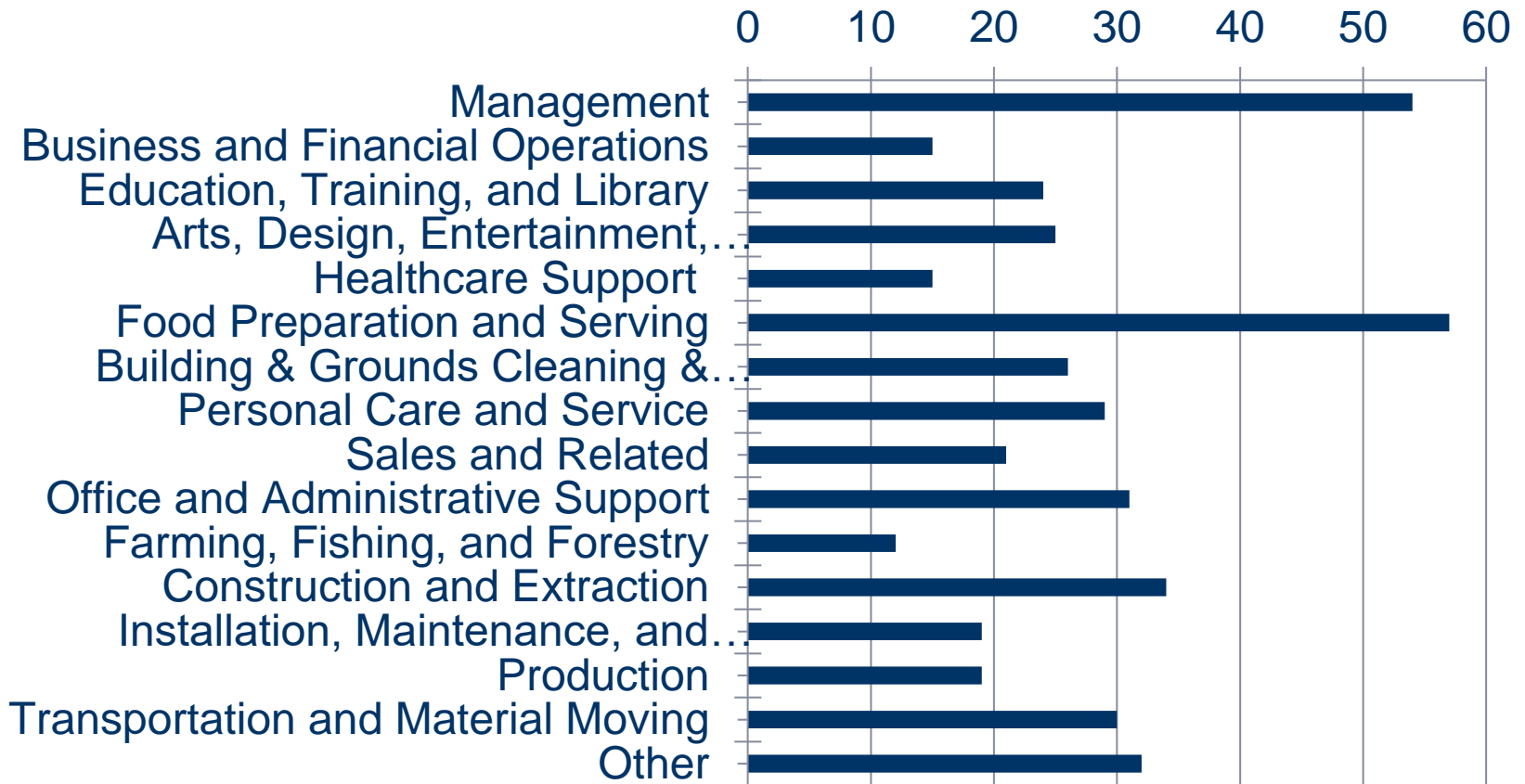
Claims by industry, Klickitat County, 10/18 to 10/31 average



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Klickitat claims: food service workers still predominate

Claims by occupation, Klickitat County, week ending 10/31



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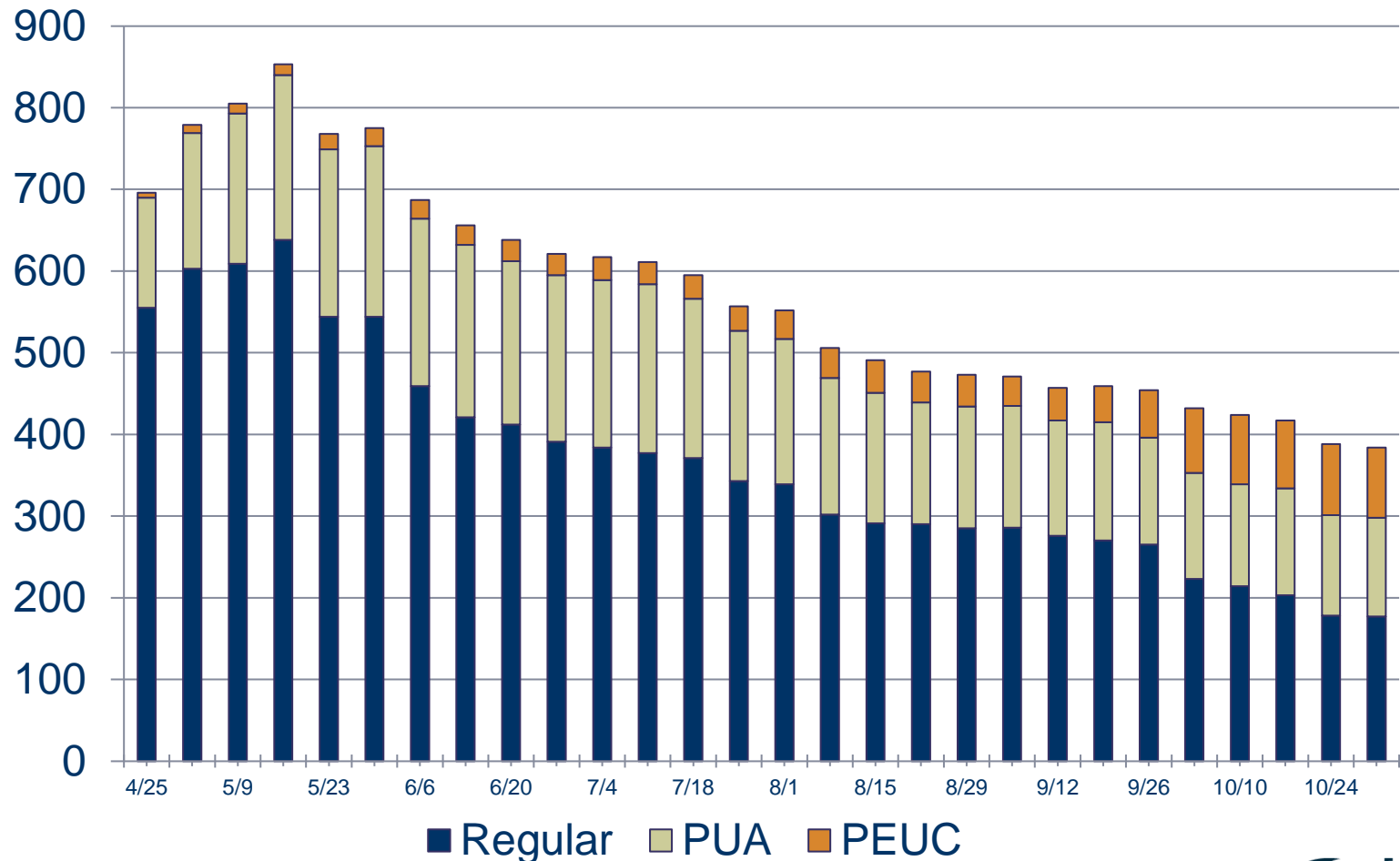
Top occupations, Klickitat County, week ending 10/31

SOC	Occupation	Claims
37-2012	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	15
35-3011	Bartenders	14
35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	11
25-9041	Teacher Assistants	10
11-9021	Construction Managers	9
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	8
47-2061	Construction Laborers	7
47-2031	Carpenters	7
45-2041	Graders and Sorters, Agricultural Products	7
37-2011	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping	7
Tied with 6: hairstylists/cosmetologists, childcare workers, tour guides, general maintenance workers		

Klickitat claimants vs (Census)

- **57 percent female (44 percent)**
- **35 percent high school diploma only (28 percent)**
- **20 percent bachelor's or more (26 percent)**
- **No discernible differences by age**
- **No discernible differences by race**

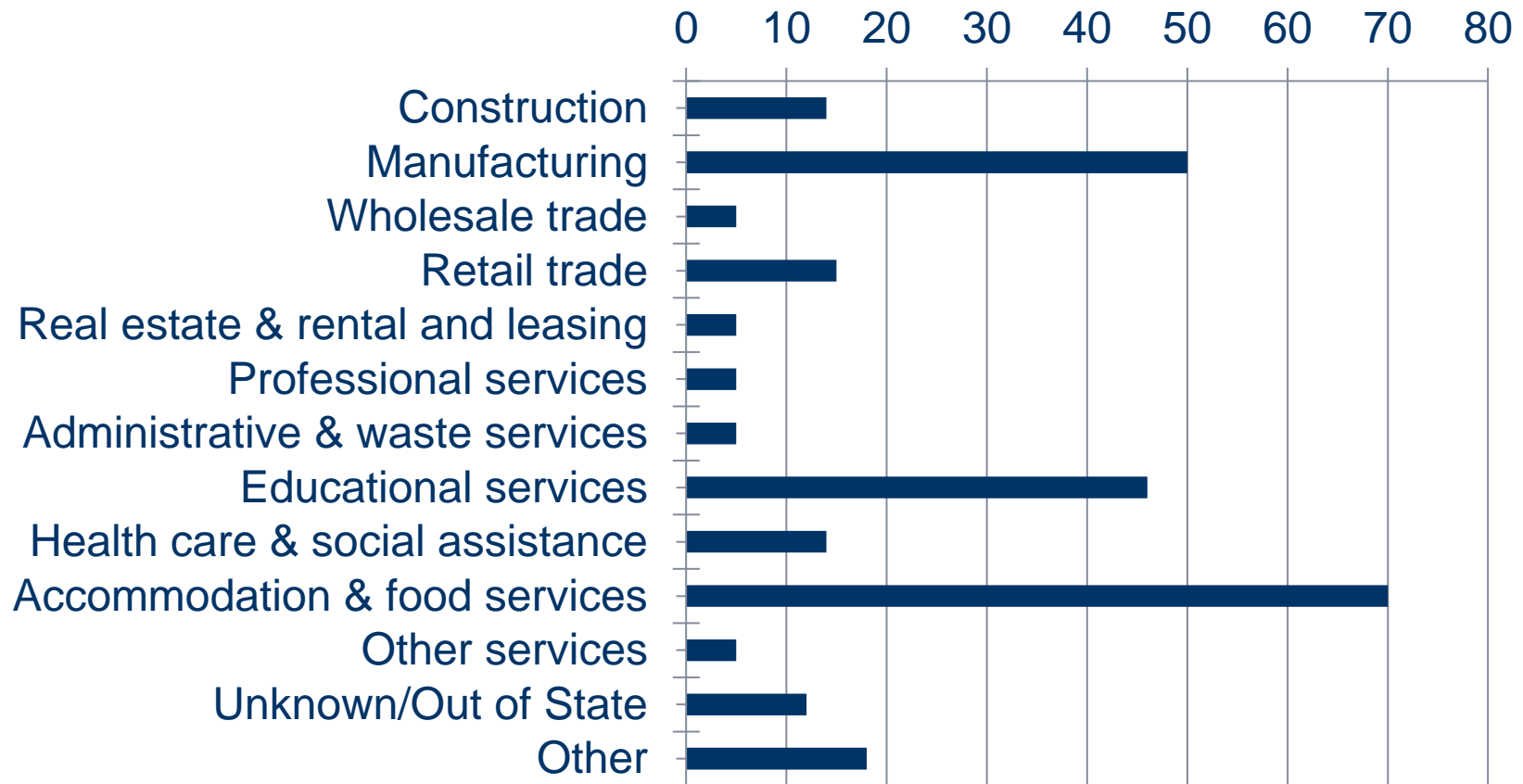
Skamania continued claims: same story



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Skamania claims: accommodations & food services, manufacturing, education

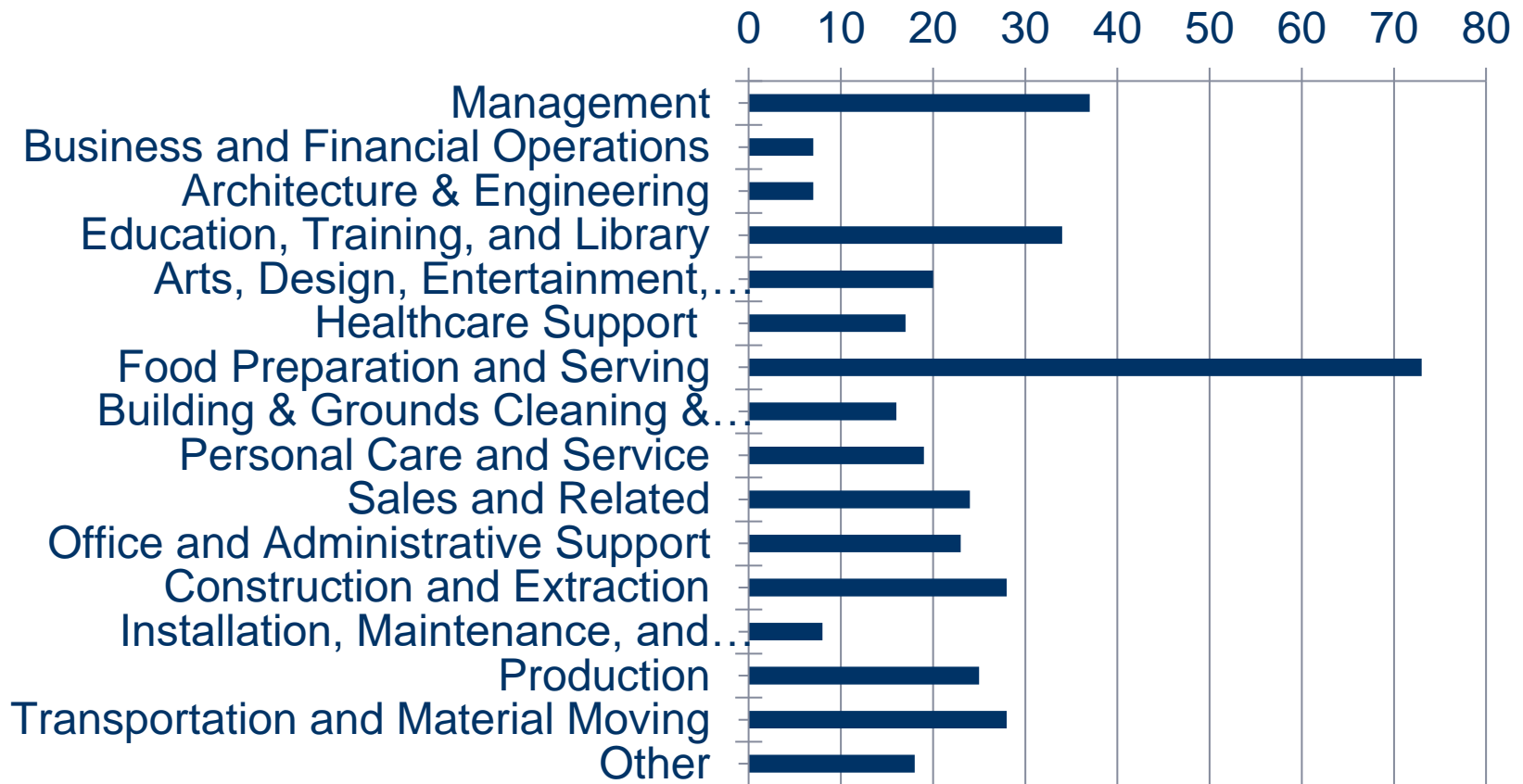
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Skamania claims: food prep/service, managers, education

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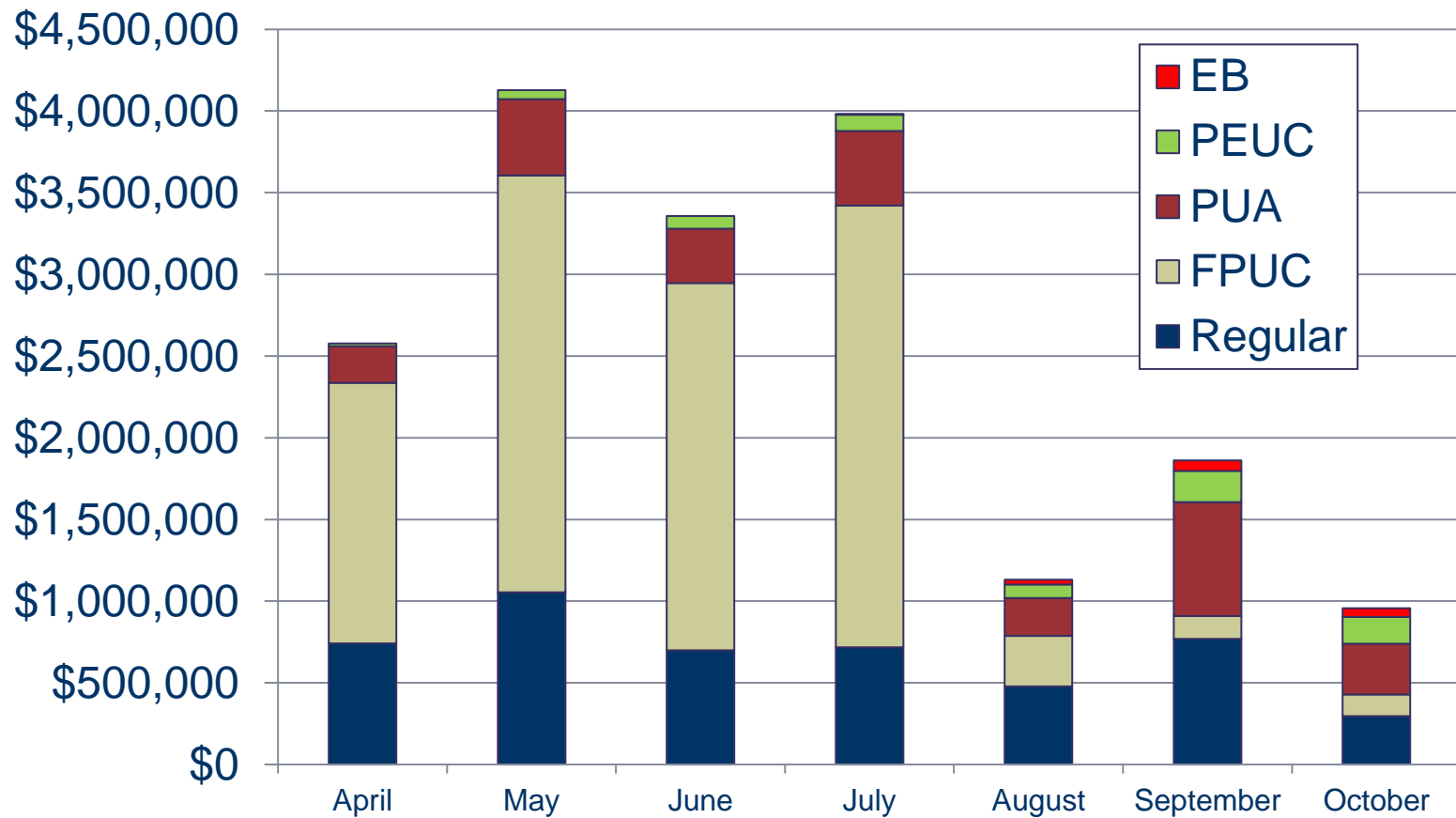
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35-3031	Waiters and Waitresses	29
25-9041	Teacher Assistants	23
53-3022	Bus Drivers, School or Special Client	11
37-2012	Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	11
31-9011	Massage Therapists	11
47-2061	Construction Laborers	10
35-1012	Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	7
47-2031	Carpenters	7
11-9051	Food Service Managers	6
41-2011	Cashiers	6

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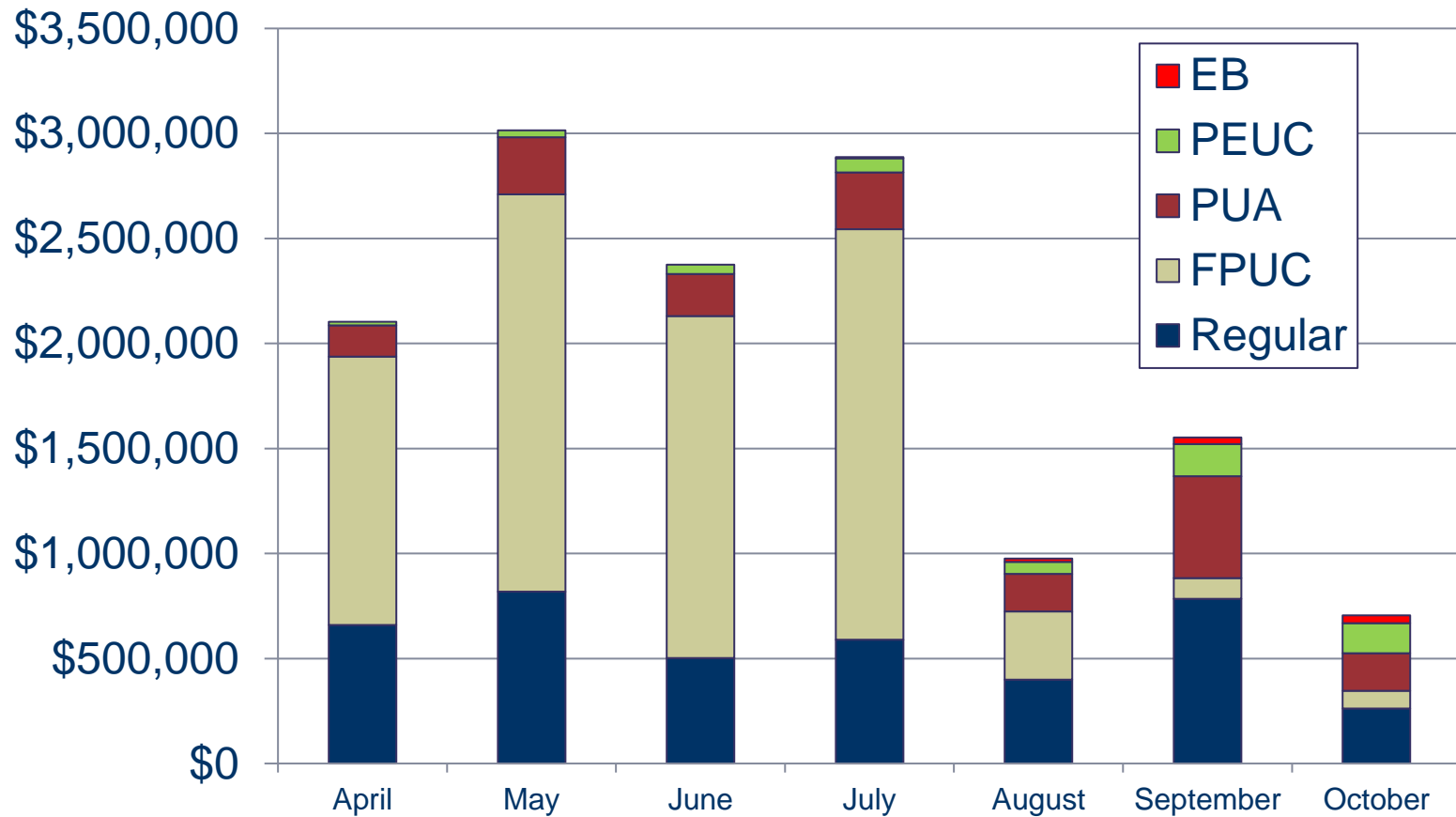
- **58 percent female (47 percent)**
- **36 percent high school diploma only (29 percent)**
- **19 percent bachelor's or more (23 percent)**
- **28 percent aged 35-44 (22 percent)**
- **17 percent aged 45-54 (23 percent)**
- **No discernible differences by race**

Unemployment benefits paid to Klickitat County residents drop



Note: LWA is included in September regular benefits

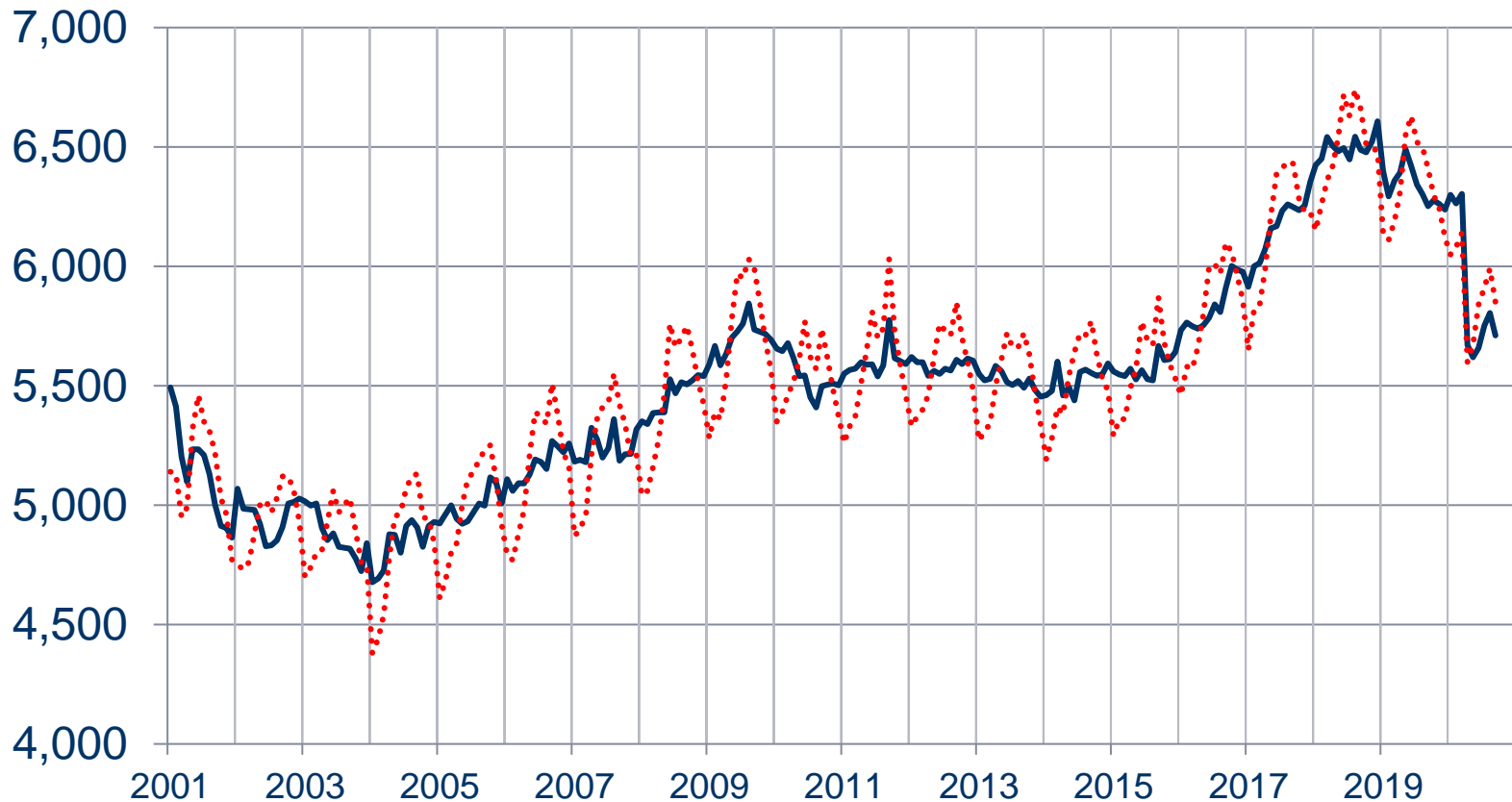
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Klickitat nonfarm jobs: big drop, not much bounce back

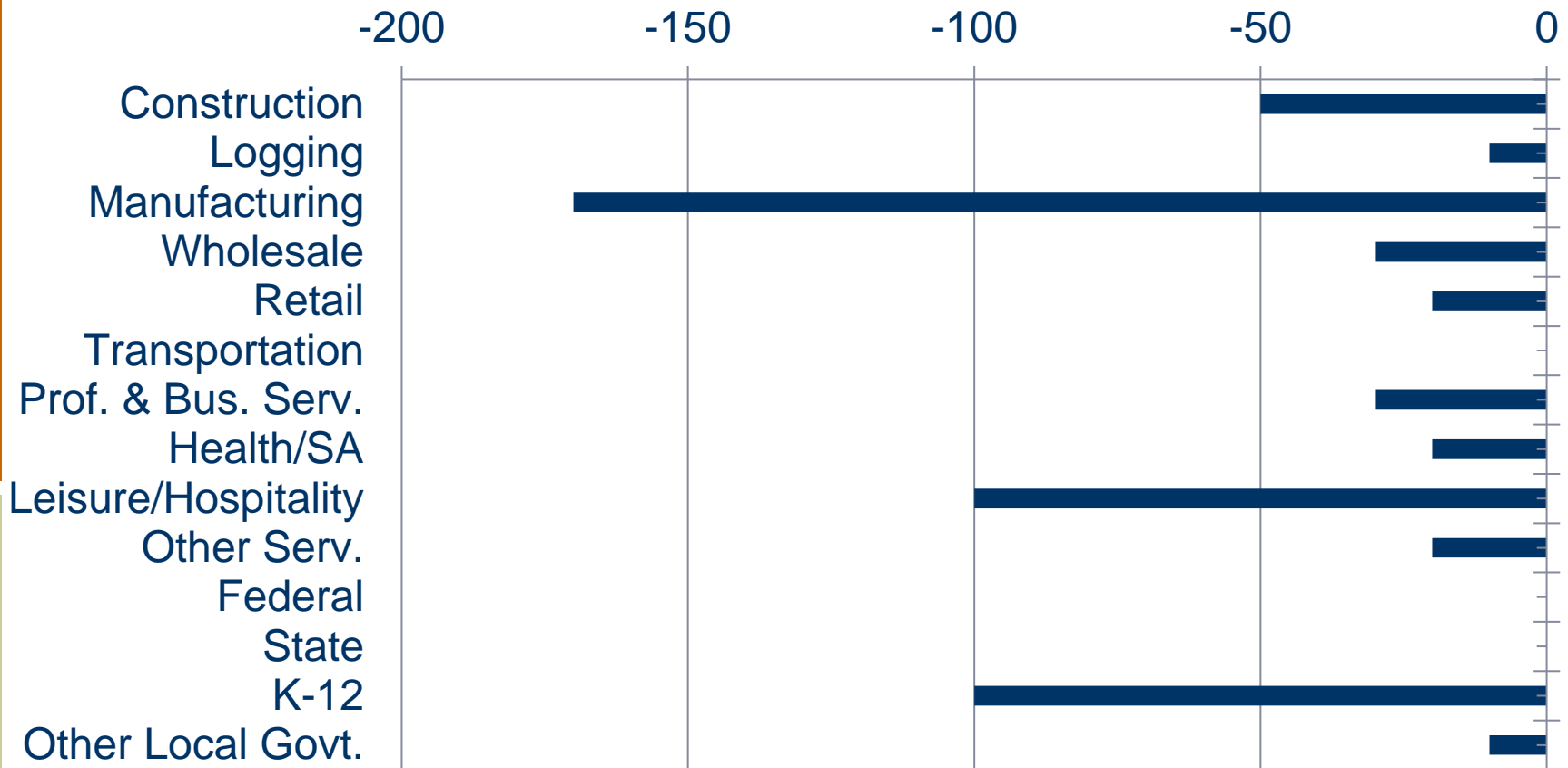
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Klickitat jobs: down 9 percent over the past year

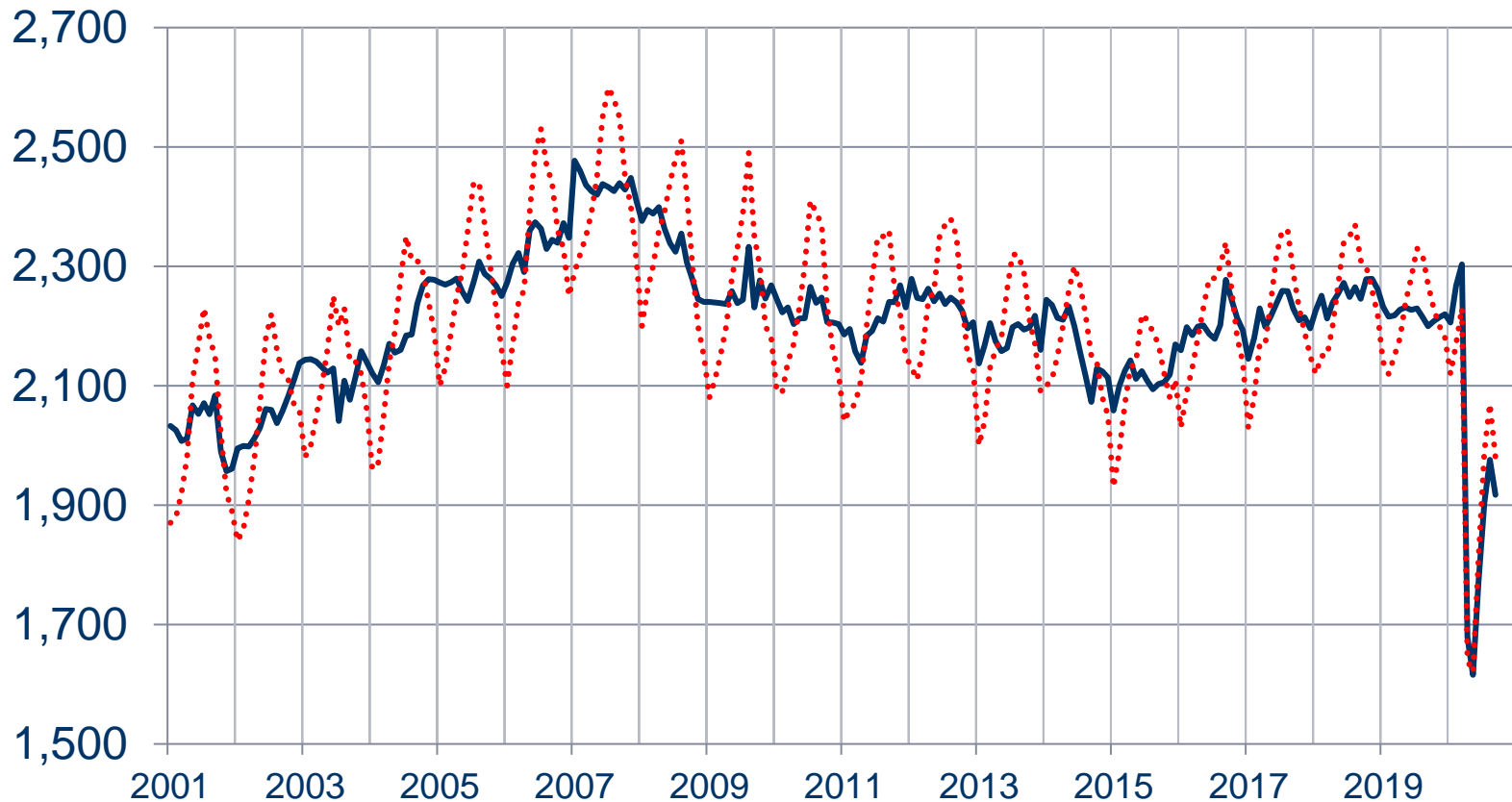
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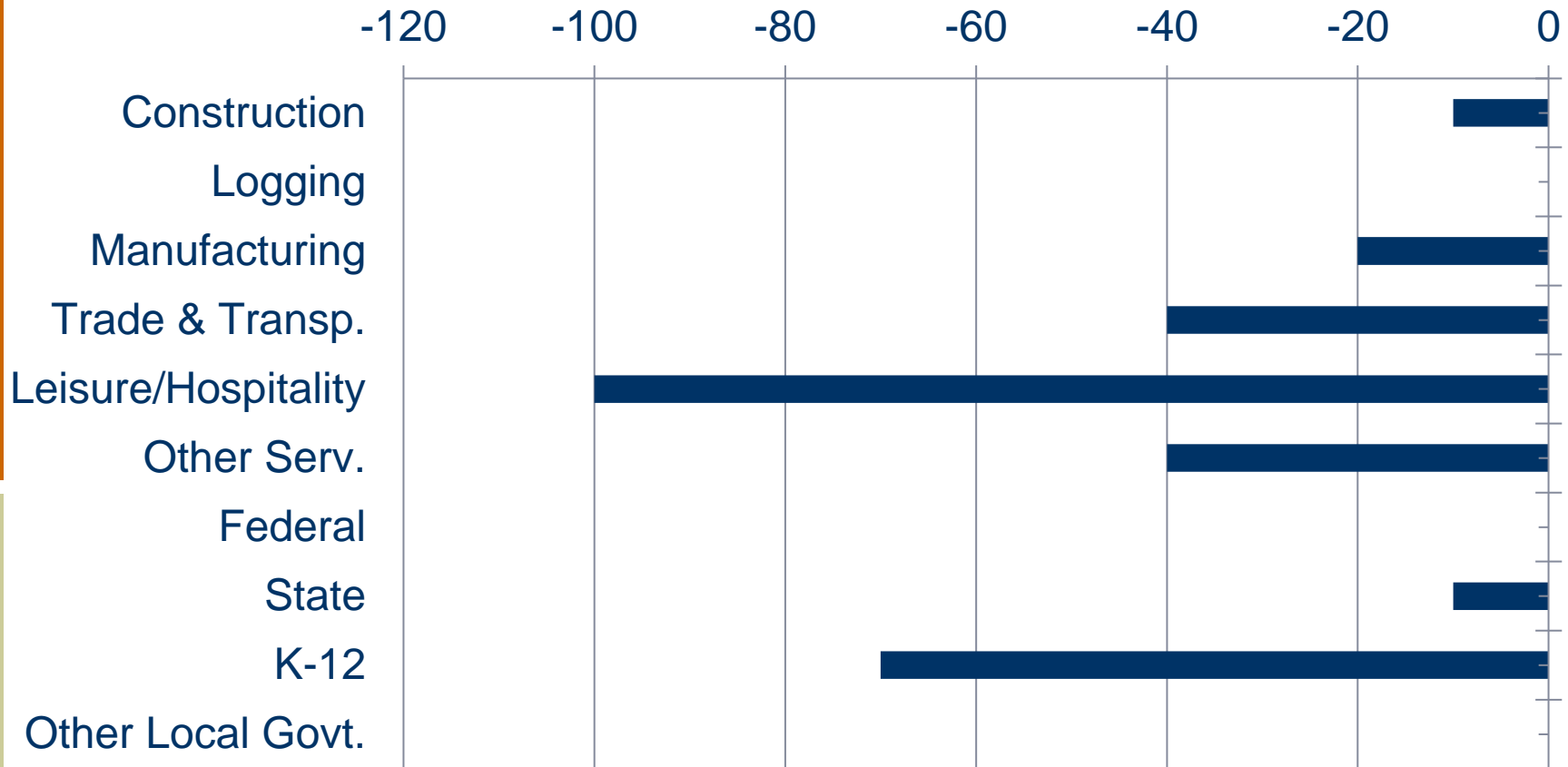
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Skamania: 13 percent loss in the past year

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When will the economy recover?

- **Three major factors:**
 - **COVID**
 - **How people behave**
 - **The federal government**
 - **Support for individuals**
 - **Support for small businesses**
 - **Support for state and local governments**

The outlook?

- **Slow recovery at best**
- **A long, cold winter for many Gorge residents**

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